

THANKS for all the great responses to our 8th issue of Kansas Kids Can!

Kansas Kids Say:

Why Recycling is important to me:

Katy, Cimarron, KS: "If the world is not clean, it will be mean."

Alex, Mission, KS: "Recycling is good and so is cleaning up so you can reduce, too!"

Laila, Pittsburg, KS: "If you just pick up one thing you're helping our world be a better place and keep on doing that and the world will be pollution free!!"

Jon, Mission, KS: "Earth Day is about to recycle and not waste paper and other stuff made of paper."

Ivy, Belle Plaine, KS: "I recycle like pop cans and pop bottles and play knock the pop bottles down with a rock."

Natalie, Mission, KS: "Think about Earth Day recycle don't litter with your help we can have recycle power."

Brandon, Belle Plaine, KS: "If I get a plastic pop bottle I put sand in it and play music."

Olivia, Mission, KS: "The earth is nice and wonderful. You can be taking care of it by recycling for it. To keep it beautiful."

Kansas Kids Poetry:

Spring, summer, winter, fall
There's something special about them all.
In spring flowers bloom.
In summer its hot and so on
But something we should always do
No matter hot, cool, warm, freezing
We should still recycle even when its breezing.
World is special — we should make it clean
Its not nice if you don't recycle, its kind of mean.
World Day, Hooray!

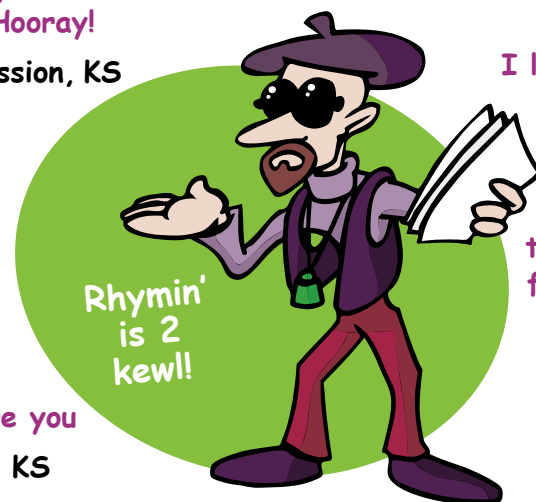
by Theresa, Mission, KS

Roses are red,
Violets are blue
Earth Day is cool
And so is you.

by Alex, Mission, KS

Trees are green
Flowers are blue
Earth is sweet and so are you

by Jefferson, Mission, KS



by Erick, Lawrence, KS

Trash
Dirty, smelly
Looking bad, attracting bugs, smelling bad
Coke can, Sprite bottle, pizza box, Pibb cans
Recycling paper, recycling cans, recycling bottles
clean, good
Recycling
earth is so so beautiful
earth is nice
earth is cool
I love my home which is earth
by Kate, Mission, KS

Trash
ugly, stinky
trashing, wasting, smelling
flies, bugs, recycle, great
helping, rescuing, saving
fun, awesome
Recycling

by Tabby, Lawrence, KS

SEND IT IN! Send in this form with your information and a photo of yourself and we will print everything we can. Tell us why recycling is important to you! **Mail in this page** to: Kansas Kids Can, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320, Topeka, KS 66612 or **e-mail** us at: kkc@kdhe.state.ks.us. Submissions of letters, photos, e-mails by students may be used in part or whole by KDHE, and should be approved by student's parents.

Name _____ School _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

What do YOU do in your home to help recycle? _____

Danielle, Belle Plaine, KS:
"I recycle newspaper by taking it to the recycling center."



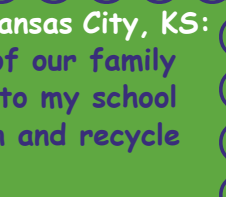
Brittnee, Dodge City, KS:
"I recycle aluminum cans at my house. We save the money and it helps keep our city clean."



Anjelica, Dodge City, KS:
"I recycle gallon milk jugs, soda cans, newspapers and plastic. I want to keep our city clean."



Elizabeth, Kansas City, KS:
"I take all of our family newspapers to my school recycling bin and recycle them."



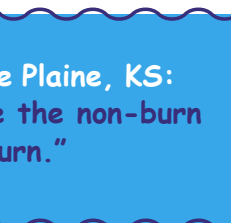
Cheyenne, Belle Plaine, KS:
"I keep boxes and bottles for organizers."



Kelsey, Wellington, KS:
"It helps maintain our natural resources."



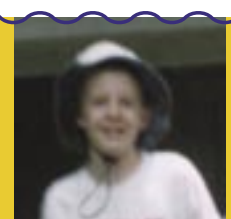
Zacch, Belle Plaine, KS:
"I separate the non-burn from the burn."



Jordan, Topeka, KS:
"If we don't recycle our town could be very dirty."



Diana, Belle Plaine, KS:
"We recycle cans."



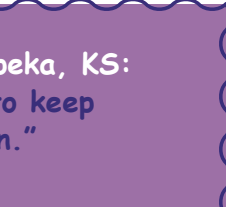
Joy May, Manhattan, KS:
"I save the tabs from aluminum cans for people who need chemo treatments."



Molly, Belle Plaine, KS:
"Don't throw things out the car window and dirty the ground. Polluting can hurt animals."



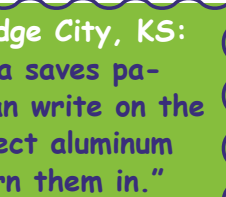
Mariah, Topeka, KS:
"I recycle to keep Kansas clean."



Brett, Belle Plaine, KS:
"[I recycle] So the earth can be clean and have fresh air and clean water."



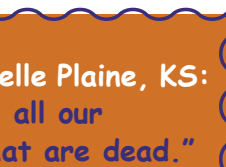
Sydney, Dodge City, KS:
"My grandma saves papers so I can write on the back. I collect aluminum cans and turn them in."



Austin, Belle Plaine, KS:
"I recycle so the earth will be clean and not polluted."



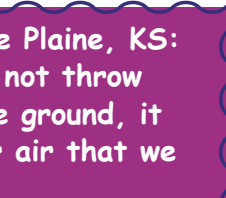
Elizabeth, Belle Plaine, KS:
"We recycle all our batteries that are dead."



Hunter, Belle Plaine, KS:
"I recycle by crushing cans and taking them to the lumber yard."



Austin, Belle Plaine, KS:
"You should not throw trash on the ground, it pollutes our air that we breathe."



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Fun Fact

Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil and 7,000 gallons of water!

GET CAUGHT —Recycling!



A new program called 'Get Caught Recycling' will be coming out this fall and will feature posters of 'famous' Kansas's doing good things for our environment, like recycling! We need your help in finding and catching people helping out our environment. If you see someone recycle a can or a bottle, put paper into a recycling bin, or pick up trash, tell them thanks and that you have caught them doing the right thing! Send us a picture of one of your friends you have caught and be sure to check our next issue of **Kansas Kids Can** to see who else has been caught!

What does our GOVERNOR say about recycling?

Governor Kathleen Sebelius is leading the way on recycling in Kansas! We asked her about recycling, and how she is involved:

KS Kids Can: Is it true that EVEN THE GOVERNOR recycles?

Gov. Sebelius: Absolutely, this Governor does. I have always encouraged recycling. It is the right thing to do for our environment. I also think it's important that I lead by example.

KS Kids Can: What kinds of things do you recycle?

Gov. Sebelius: We recycle cans, glass, cardboard and newspaper at Cedar Crest, the Governor's residence. I've been informed that I am the first Governor who has taken such an extensive interest in recycling at the residence.

KS Kids Can: How long ago did you start recycling?

Gov. Sebelius: I have been recycling for years!

KS Kids Can: Why do you recycle, and does it really make a difference?

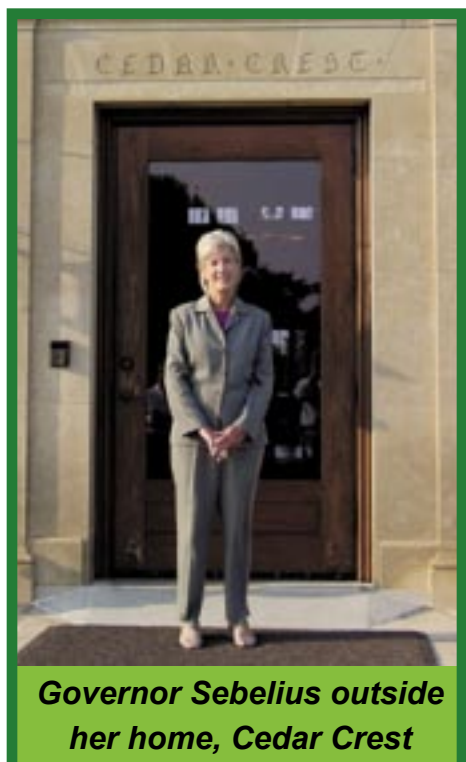
Gov. Sebelius: I believe it is our responsibility to recycle and do our part to help protect the environment. I believe with recycling, we can each make a difference.

KS Kids Can: As Governor, can you just MAKE everybody recycle?

Gov. Sebelius: I certainly can't make them, but I would strongly encourage people to recycle. Once you get in the recycling routine, it becomes second nature.

KS Kids Can: If you could tell all the kids in the state to do something that would help our Kansas environment, what would it be?

Gov. Sebelius: Talk to your parents about recycling. Learn where recycling drop off locations are, and do your part to keep Kansas beautiful.



Governor Sebelius outside her home, Cedar Crest

THE GOVERNOR'S TRASH TAKES A TRIP ON -

Recycle READ!

1

Governor Sebelius puts recyclables into the right containers at home in Cedar Crest.



The stuff in the bins is taken to a collection point and put in bigger recycling bins that look like this.

2



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The items then take a ride on the conveyor into the sorting area.



A truck picks up the recycling bins and takes them to the Shawnee County Recycling Center



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People then sort the items on the conveyor belt, separating the material to be recycled from stuff that shouldn't be in the pile.



6

The separated items are put into their own bins.



7

The items are taken to centers where they are turned into raw materials again to be reused for new products.



If even someone as BUSY as the governor takes time to recycle, then you should, too! Just talk to your parents about setting up a home recycling center. Look across the page for directions. You will be making a difference for Kansas!

Activity Corner

Set up your own recycling center!
Here's How:

1. Get 3 brown paper bags.
2. Get a black magic marker.
3. Write on the first brown paper bag: NEWSPAPER
4. Write on the second brown paper bag: PLASTIC
5. Write on the third brown paper bag: CANS
6. Set the three bags together so that the labels are facing out and everyone in your family can see them.
7. Each time you get ready to throw one of these items away, remember to put it in the brown paper bag marked with the name of that item.
8. When your bags get full, ask your Mom or Dad to take you to the nearest drop off recycling center and leave your recycled items there.
9. When you get home, get 3 more paper bags, label them again and keep up the HABIT OF RECYCLING!!

Home Recycling Center!



Mix & Match

Draw a line to match terms with definitions

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. conservation | materials that are supplied by nature |
| 2. landfill | protection and wise use of natural resources |
| 3. paper | sheet of press fibers used for printing and packaging |
| 4. ground water | making new paper or other things from used paper |
| 5. fiber | organic material that can be broken down and become part of the earth again |
| 6. biodegradable | a large pit where trash is buried |
| 7. paper recycling | water that lies under the ground in a natural supply |
| 8. natural resources | small pieces of woven material that give structure |



Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to run a TV set for 3 hours or to light a 100-watt bulb for 3 1/2 hours.

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Tire Piles are BUZZING!

Did you know that old tires left sitting around your home collect water when it rains or when the sprinkler is on? AND, did you know that mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water around your home? (Like in the water that is standing in those old used tires!) A mosquito bite could make you sick! West Nile Virus is in Kansas, and is spread to us when a mosquito that carries the virus bites us. (They actually get it from birds that have West Nile Virus - they bite the bird, and get the virus.) Not all mosquitoes carry West Nile Virus, but since we can't tell which ones actually have it, we have to be extra careful during mosquito season to protect ourselves.

Here's what YOU can do:

- Try not to be outdoors at dawn or dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear mosquito repellent with DEET.
- Remove standing water around your home. (Take those used up piles of tires to a tire disposal center!)
- Swat those skeeters!



Fun Fact

In a lifetime, each adult will leave about 90,000 pounds of trash for his or her children!